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Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Penetration in Southeast Asia

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It is requested that the source report any information concerning the following Sino-Soviet Bloc activities in Southeast Asia.

1. What economic activity on the part of members of the Sino-Soviet Bloc did you observe in Burma?

- a. The extent of increase of Bloc goods.
- b. The extent of Bloc participation in the various UN programs.
- c. The extent of technical assistance given by the Bloc.

2. What economic activity on the part of members of the Sino-Soviet Bloc did you observe in Indonesia?

Concerning the supplying of technical assistance and industrial installations, information is desired regarding the terms involved such as down payment required, period and type of repayment, etc. regarding East German assistance in the construction of a sugar factory contracted for by Indonesia, and Czech assistance in the construction of a tire factory.

3. Any unfavorable information concerning Sino-Soviet Bloc activities in Southeast Asia:

Poor equipment; failure to meet schedules; failure to live up to agreements; poor performance of Bloc personnel, such as incompetence, arrogance toward indigenous personnel; attempts to spread Communist doctrine, etc.

4. What extent are Bloc products in evidence in Southeast Asia? To what extent do you feel that the Chinese Communists can penetrate the Southeast Asian market? How well are Bloc goods received?

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